Homegoing Celebration

For

Elder Alvin Swindell

Pastor, Macedonia Church of God in Christ
San Mateo, California

"Cast thy burdens upon the Lord
and He shall sustain thee"
Psalms 55:22

Saturday, April 22, 2000 11:00 am

Sunrise ~ 1930

Sunset ~ 2000

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11:00 AM
The Twenty-Second Day of April
Year Two Thousand

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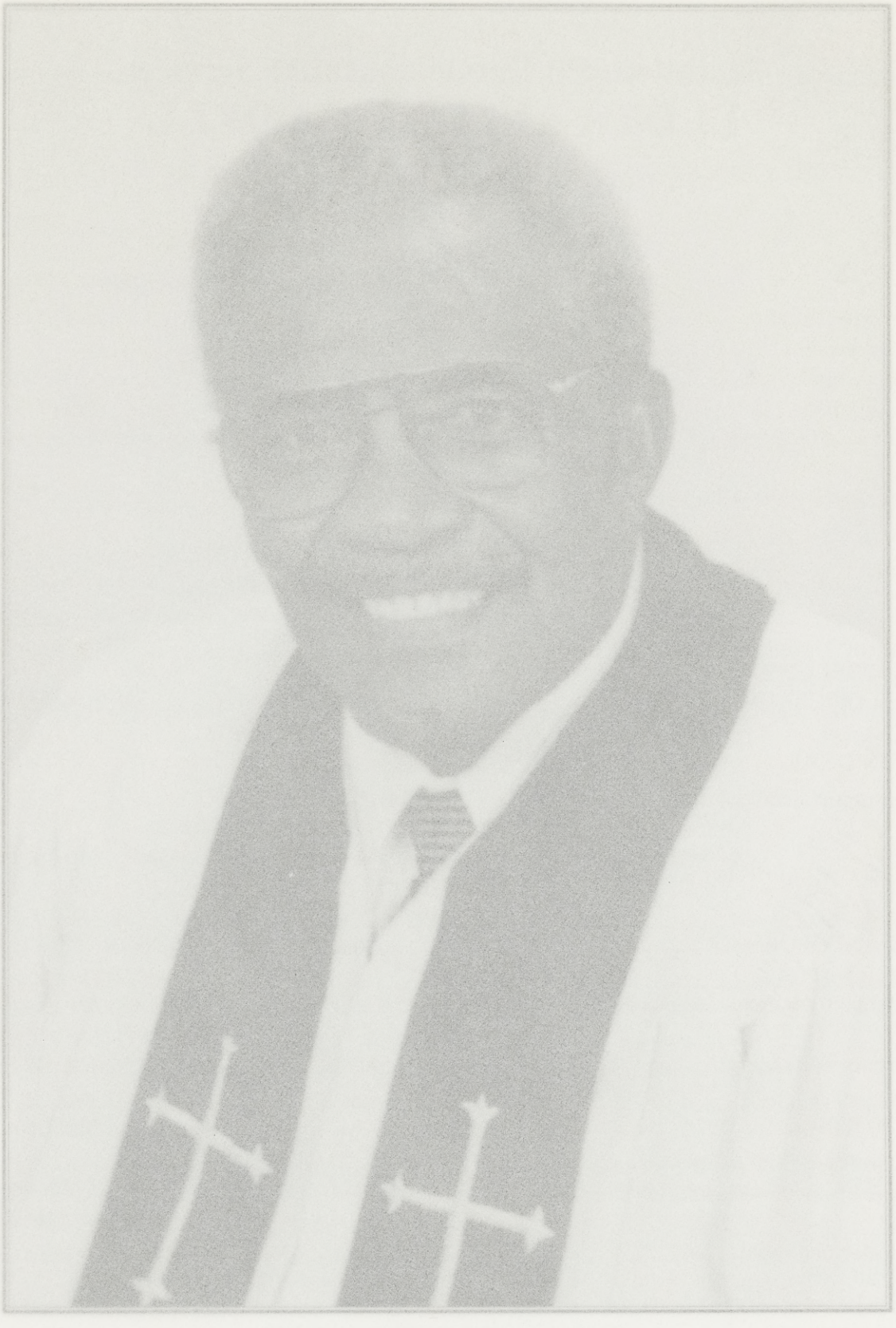
Bishop W.W. Hamilton
Jurisdictional Prelate
California Northwest Jurisdiction

Bishop J.W. Macklin
First Administrative Assistant
Host Pastor

INTERMENT



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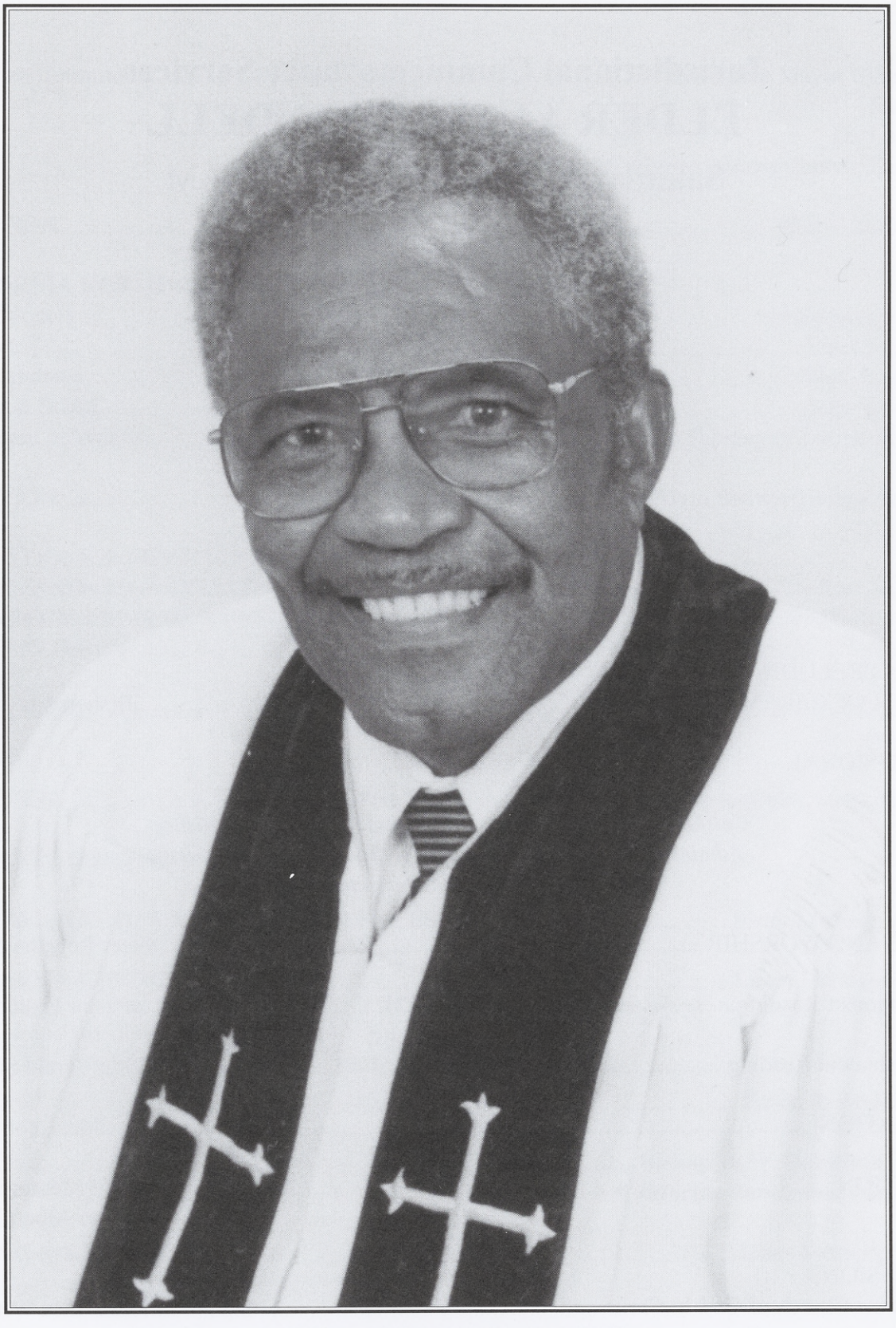

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Jurisdictional Commemorative Services

ELDER ALVIN SWINDELL

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ORGAN PRELUDE

MASTER OF CEREMONY .....Bishop J.W. Macklin

PROCESSIONAL

California Northwest State Adjutants, Jurisdictional Bishop,
Administrative Assistant, Executive Board, Superintendents
Pastors, Elders, Ministers and Family

PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....Sister Renetha Macklin

Old Testament Reading:.....Psalms 121.....Pastor Lester Keaton

New Testament Reading:.....I Corinthians 15:51-58.....Elder Jerald Simpkins

INVOCATION.....Elder Leon Rollins

SELECTION.....“Majesty” .....Alvin Swindell Memorial Choir
Director, Minister Albert Macklin

EXPRESSIONS

Macedonia Church of God In Christ .....Mother Inez Wethington
Church Mother
Deacon Ray Kelley
Chairman of Deacons

San Mateo Community.....The Honorable Mayor Claire Mack
San Mateo
Dr. Larry Ellis
Pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church, San Mateo

SELECTION.....Sister Laurian Scott

CALIFORNIA NORTHWEST REMEMBERS
Elders Council.....Elder Benny Toliver
Pastor's.....Elder Joe Nobles
Superintendents.....Supt. James Rice
Ordination Board.....Supt. C. Jackson
Department of Women.....State Supervisor Louise Perrodine

SELECTION....."I Know a Man"..... Alvin Swindell Memorial Choir

RESOLUTIONS & TRIBUTES
California Northwest Jurisdiction.....Supt. E.J. Oneil
Macedonia Church of God in Christ.....Sister Shirley Morton
Sweet Unity District.....Missionary Lonnie Barker
A Tribute..... *"My Friend and Brother"*.....Supt. A.C. Macklin
A Family Tribute.....Supt. Luther Swindell
Houston, Texas

SELECTION....."He Lives"..... Alvin Swindell Memorial Choir

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLERGY

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND CONDOLENCES.....Sister Michelle Johnson

OBITUARY READING.....Sister Theressa Macklin

INTRODUCTION OF JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP

SERMONIC SELECTION..... *"Jesus I Love You"* .....Kevin & Pamela Sharp

EULOGY.....Bishop W.W. Hamilton, Prelate
California Northwest Jurisdiction

VIEWING & RECESSIONAL.....Jones Mortuary & Staff

The Legacy
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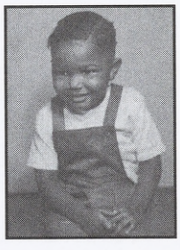
Join us on a trip down memory lane as we reflect upon the rich and fulfilling life of Pastor Alvin Swindell.

On October 12, 1930 Hosea and Arelia Swindell gave birth to a son of promise and they named him Alvin. Alvin attended Goldsberry High School, in Henderson, TX. As this young man grew, it was not clear what direction God would lead him, but it was evident that the hand of God would be forever on his life. He gave his life to Jesus Christ at the Mt. Zion COGIC in Stringtown, TX and was baptized in a pond across the street from the church.

By 1950, Minister Alvin Swindell had begun his preaching ministry, and many people were blessed and saved through his preaching prowess. One such person, who was enamored with this young man, was a beautiful young lady by the name of Jemmie L. Clayton. They had grown up together, but Jemmie was a little younger, and Alvin showed no interest in her at that time. But as God would have it, Jemmie began to "blossom" into such a beautiful young lady, that Alvins' eye was fixated on her.

After courting Jemmie for some time, Alvin decided that he would muster up the courage to ask her to be his wife. So Alvin came up with his plan. He waited until he passed her row while working in the cotton fields of Texas, and tossed her a note. When she opened the note, the words were written, "Will you marry me?" Being that this wasn't the most romantic way to receive a marriage proposal, Jemmie had to think about it for a moment, but graciously said, "Yes." They were united in matrimony on January 1, 1951 in Henderson, TX.



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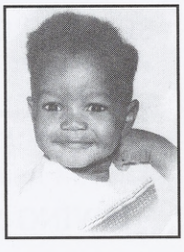
On August 17, 1953, Alvin and Jemmie's second child was born, a beautiful little girl they named Barbara Jeanette. During this time Minister Swindell served faithfully in his various ministries at Macedonia COGIC and while working for Pan Am Airlines.



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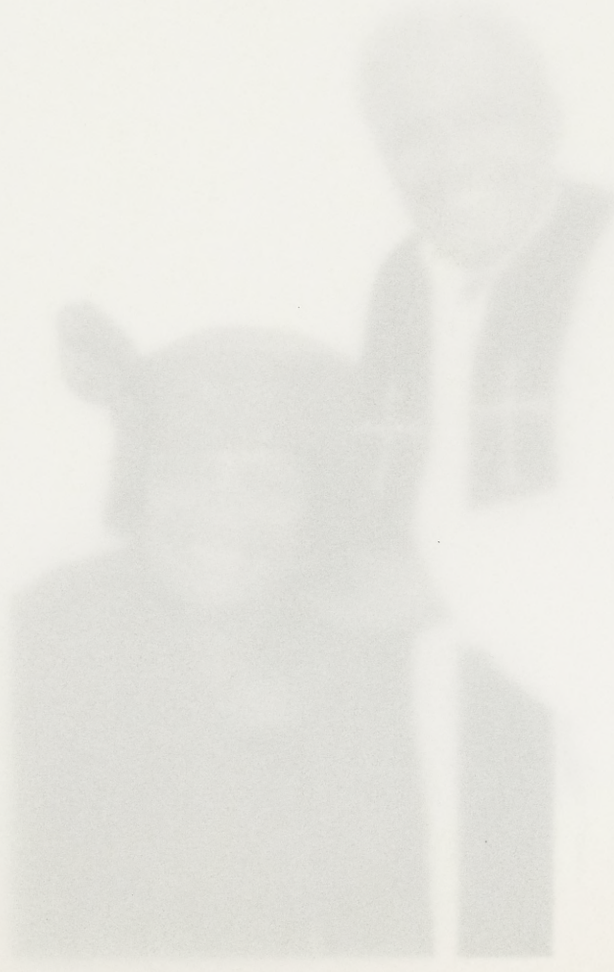
On June 17, 1968, "Minister" Swindell became "Elder" Swindell through ordination services conducted by the late Bishop E.E. Hamilton. Elder Swindell continued to show himself as a faithful servant of Christ and the church, so when the Lord called Pastor Alexander home from labor to reward, it was the overwhelming consensus of the Macedonia Church family that Eld. Swindell would be their new spiritual leader. On June 22, 1970, Elder Swindell was installed as the Pastor of the Macedonia Church of God in Christ in San Mateo, CA. Pastor Swindell immediately made an impact on the church and went to work making improvements to the church edifice. He initiated the construction work to beautify the interior and exterior

of the sanctuary. He was a lover of young people. He would laugh and play with them, but on the other hand provide the discipline and Christian example that would aid in shaping them into productive adults. As God touched his life, he was constantly touching others. It only took a few moments in Elder Swindell's presence to feel his humanity and genuine concern for people. He had an easy going and unassuming demeanor. And who could forget that smile? – that could brighten up the darkest day. To say he touched thousands of lives would be an understatement.

In 1990, Pastor Swindell was appointed to the Northwest State of California Ordination Board for the Churches of God In Christ by the Jurisdictional Bishop Wilbur W. Hamilton. He faithfully served in this capacity until the Lord called him home. He also served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Sweet Unity District, along side his dear friend and brother in the gospel, Pastor S.C. Macklin.

Through all of his accomplishments, which are far too many to number, one of his greatest gifts was his tremendous preaching ability. Pastor Swindell had a "special anointing" a "double portion" of power and wisdom that only God can give. We were astounded by his memory of scripture, which he could quote verbatim during his powerful preaching and teaching sermons. What a Minister! What an Elder! What a Pastor! What a Preacher! What a Father! What a Husband! What A LIFE!!

He leaves a legacy to cherish his loving and devoted wife of 49 years, Missionary Jemmie L. Swindell of Hayward, CA; two sons Elder Larry Swindell, Hayward, CA and Pastor Dennis T. Swindell, South River, NJ; one beloved daughter Jeanette Bryant, San Jose, CA; one son-in-law, Mr. Jeffrey Bryant, San Jose, CA; Five brothers - Matthew Swindell, Los Angeles, CA; Hosea



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Pastor Leon Turner
Pastor Lester Keaton
Elder Willie White
Deacon Ray Kelly
Deacon Sylvester Wethington
Brother Richard Simms

Active Pallbearers:

Elder Ricky Robinson
Brother Victor Morton
Brother Kenneth Clayton
Brother Andre Macklin
Brother Caleph Swindell, Jr.
Brother Jeffrey Swindell

A few of the brothers and sisters of Alvin Swindell

Acknowledgment:

Our hearts are so full of love and gratitude to all of you.
Your prayers, words of consolation, flowers, and the many kind acts, both seen and unseen, Have sustained us throughout the illness and passing of our loved one. We thank GOD for people like you. May He make us every worthy of your love and kindness.

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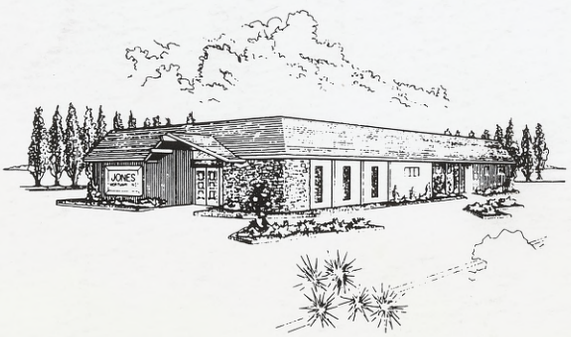

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